India, food security is an important and integral element of national security and has demanded the creation of a "Food Security Box" so as to take care of its food security and livelihood concerns and has *interalia* sought sufficient flexibility for domestic policy measures taken by the developing country members for allevation of poverty, rural development, rural employment and diversification of agriculture. However, the items such as housing, education, water etc. are outside the purview of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture and, therefore, these issues have not been covered in the Indian proposals for the ongoing negotiations under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

Protection to Domestic Agricultural Products

581. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some agreements have been signed with WTO by the Central Government during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such agreements have affected marketing of domestic agricultural products of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps to be taken to ensure protection to domestic agricultural products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Government of India have not signed any agreement with WTO during the last two years.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

White Paper on WTO

582. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a White Paper on WTO and agriculture, detailing the expectations, the experience and the stand it plan to take in renegotiating the agreement; and